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FEDERAL REGISTER PUBLISHES INMATE PAYPHONE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

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Comments: May 24, 2002

Reply Comments: June 24, 2002

The Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on February 21, 2002. *See* Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 02-39 (rel. Feb. 21, 2002) (*NPRM*). The Commission issued the *NPRM* to explore whether the current regulatory regime applicable to the provision of inmate calling service is responsive to the needs of correctional facilities, inmate calling service (ICS) providers, and inmates, and if not, whether and how the Commission might address those unmet needs. The *NPRM* stated that comments would be due 45 days after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register, and reply comments would be due 75 days after Federal Register publication. The Federal Register published the *NPRM* on April 9, 2002. *See* Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 67 FR 17039 (04/09/02). Accordingly, interested parties may file comments by **May 24, 2002** and may file reply comments by **June 24, 2002**. For further information, please contact Joi Nolen, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1520.